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SUBJ: VISAS FOR PAN AM OFFICERS

1. THE LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE HAS ADVISED US THAT JOHN TORTURA, WHO IS TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE FOR PAN AM AT THE OKECIE WARSAW AIRPORT, WAS TOLD BY THE POLISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK ON FEB 14 THAT HIS VISA COULD ONLY BE ISSUED 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF APPLICATION. THE CONSULATE GENERAL EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD IMPOSED THIS WAITING PERIOD BECAUSE LOT EMPLOYEES WERE REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE RECEIVING U.S. VISAS. PAN AM TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO HAVE AN EXCEPTION MADE FOR TORTURA. THE CONSULATE REFUSED, AND TORTURA EVENTUALLY FLEW TO LONDON, WHERE HE OBTAINED A VISA FROM THE POLISH CONSULATE THERE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CALL THE POLISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK TO EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE USUALLY ABLE TO ISSUE VISAS FOR LOT MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS IN 3 OR 4 WORKING DAYS. (CREW VISAS TAKE 15 DAYS BECAUSE OF THE NAME-CHECK REQUIREMENT.) WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE THE CONSULATE'S AGREEING TO HANDLE SIMILAR OFFICIALS OF PAN AM MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

3. PLEASE ADVISE US OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S RESPONSE.
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